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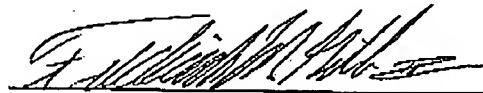
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20, add claims 23-30, and amended the remaining claims as follows:

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